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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is in response to Applicant's amendment filed on June 30, 2004.

Response to Applicant's Amendment

2. The reply filed on June 30, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Applicant is respectfully requested to point out the support in the specification for the added limitations of the amended claims and added claims 31-35 in reply to this Office Action. In addition, first paragraph of the remarks state that "--while claims 35-40 have been newly added in accordance with current Office policy--". However, the newly added claims are 31-40.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a time period of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of this time period may be granted under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hani Kazimi whose telephone number is (703) 305-1061. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached at (703) 308-1065.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113 or 1114.



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